Sausage Fest, Lecture on Oregon Coast Bridges Highlight 2004-2005 OSURA Event Schedule

Varieties of sausage with all the trimmings and a tour of the OSU Clark Meat Center will kick off the 2004-2005 schedule of OSURA activities on November 16 at 11:00 a.m. Participants will gather at the lab on Campus Way next to the OSU Motor Pool on that day.

The Clark Meat Center is OSU’s direct link to both the producer and consumer markets of livestock production. Its director, Bob Dickson, has long put on special Oktoberfest events to highlight the work going on at the facility. Through research and development, the Center is working on new applications of old techniques used in the meat processing industry. With the help of student employees and interns, the Center processes food animals into consumer ready meat products which are sold under the brand name Singletree Meat Products.

OSURA members interested in attending this event must contact Norma Barnhisel at (541) 757-9084 or E-mail: nbarnhisel@hotmail.com by Thursday, November 11. Cost is $5.00 payable at the door.

On January 27, 2005, Jim Howland, an OSU alumnus and a founder of CH2M-Hill, will present a lecture about the bridges built along Highway 101 on the Oregon Coast by C.B. McCullough. The event will be held at the OSU Foundation at 3:30 p.m.

McCullough was an Oregon Agricultural College faculty member beginning in 1916. In 1919, McCullough was named the state’s bridge engineer. At the time, ferries took travelers across coastal rivers at five points along the coast. Ferries were expensive and slow, however, and by 1934, the state timber industry was deep into the Depression. The state proposed that five bridges be built of treated wood at Yaquina Bay in Newport, the Siuslaw River at Florence, in Coos Bay, over the Umpqua River in Reedsport, and over the Rogue River at Gold Beach. (During his time with the state highway department, McCullough and colleagues designed and constructed hundreds of bridges throughout Oregon.)

McCullough liked everything about the plan except the wood construction. He said the harsh weather at the coast would necessitate constant maintenance of the wood and would probably undermine stability. He advocated the use of concrete and steel, a view much criticized at the time by the timber industry. He got his way eventually, especially when the Work Progress Administration decreed that it would not provide funds for the structures unless they were made of the strongest material possible.

The bridges—all of which stand today—have been considered both an engineering and aesthetic marvel. Their signature characteristics include pylons or obelisks at the ends and gothic and roman arches underneath. “From Astoria to the California line, the bridges of the Oregon Coast sit like jewels on a long necklace,” said a 1999 Oregon Stater article on McCullough. “Though man-made, they relate easily to the landscape. Nothing about them detracts from the awesome beauty and ruggedness of the area.”

Events to round out the OSURA year include a members night at a women’s basketball game in February, and a Bone Density Lab program and annual meeting in May.
President's Message

I’m sure all you “OSURAIans” could survive without a message from your president, but hey, it’s my first one and a guy’s gotta do what a guy’s gotta do.

I want to begin by wishing all of you a Happy New Year. Since the majority of my life from kindergarten to present has been involved in education, somehow the fall, always seems more like the beginning of the new year than January 1 does.

Lots of new things are going on with your retirement association this fall. We had our first annual Golf and Hors d’oeuvres Party at Trysting Tree Golf Course in early September. Over sixty participated and a good time was had by all! Before the end of November OSURA members should be receiving the first ever edition of the OSU Retirees Directory which has also been included for the first time as a separate section in the OSU Campus Directory as well. Finally, OSURA members

In Brief

- Sixty people attended the first annual Fall OSURA Golf Tournament and Party at Trysting Tree Golf Course on September 8. Golfers played while non-golfers toured the course in carts. Sean Arey, golf professional and manager, talked about how the large course operates. Later, he discussed the history and development of Oregon’s only university-operated golf course. Winners of the first place foursome trophy were: Harold Hunter, Ray Glass, John Seevers, and Glenn Chaffin. Honors also go to:

  - Second Place Foursome: Bill Yelland, Steve Hanold, Dan McGovern, and Bob McGuire
  - Long Drive for Women under 60: Susan Fisher
  - Long Drive for Women over 60: Donna Gregerson
  - Long Drive for Men under 60: John Seevers
  - Tee Shot Closest to Pin-Hole 4: Bob McGuire
  - Tee Shot Closest to Pin-Hole 7: Jack Ross
  - Putting Contest First Place: Bill Wilkins

- New OSU ID cards will be issued to all active students, faculty and staff during the 2004-2005 academic year. It will be necessary for retired faculty and staff members to have a new ID card in order to use services like the OSU library and Corvallis Transit. Unlike in the past, the ID number will not be a person’s Social Security number. OSURA members should go to the ID Center, MU 215 by November 15. At that time a new photo will be taken and a new card will be issued. The ID Center is also looking for volunteers to help process the new cards. Contact Kathy Heath at (541) 752-1096 or E-mail: heathk6@comcast.net, if you’d like to volunteer.

- New “hangtag” campus parking permits for 2004-2005 are available at the Parking Services Office in Adams Hall (on S.W. 15th south of the railroad tracks). Cost for emeritus faculty and retirees is $80, payable in cash, by check, or credit card. Old permits expired on September 30, 2004.

- Scams tied to OSURA have nothing to do with OSURA. According to board member Ken Krane, scammers search the Internet for E-mail addresses and then send official looking messages asking people to update their account for credit card information. This is called “phishing” and there is little to be done about it except to do a Google search and examine various anti-phishing sites. OSURA has nothing to do with these scams and members are warned not to be taken in by them. The best thing to do is to “double delete” them—fast!

-- Bill Brennan, President
OSURA’S Newest Board Members Combine 70 Years of OSU Service

The two newest board members of the Oregon State University Retirement Association have served Oregon State University for a total of 70 years. Glenn Klein, professor emeritus and extension specialist, joined the faculty in 1952. Ken Krane, professor emeritus of physics, has been at OSU since 1974.

“I have always enjoyed my work at OSU and have volunteered since I retired on a number of committees,” says Klein about his reasons for joining the OSURA Board. “I like to keep in contact with OSU. It is easy to help students and faculty. With budgets what they are, the help seems much appreciated.”

Klein’s resume includes service as chair of the Department of Post-Secondary Education, program director of Extension Education, and jobs as a State 4-H extension specialist, and extension agent-at-large at OSU and Corvallis, and extension 4-H agent in Jackson County. He holds an Ed.D. from Arizona State University in adult education, an M.S. in adult education from the University of Maryland, and a B.S. from OSU in agriculture education.

His campus assignments include terms on the OSU Faculty Senate, the OSU Faculty Senate Executive Committee, the University Cabinet, and the Interinstitutional Faculty Senate. His awards include honors from the Oregon Extension Association, the President’s Club of the OSU Foundation, and Epsilon Sigma Phi, Kiwanian of the Year from the Kiwanis Club of Corvallis, and selection as Corvallis Senior First Citizen.

Since his retirement in 1990, Klein has kept up a dizzying array of activities. “I’m very active in Kiwanis and do many community service project,” he says. “I drive for meals on wheels, help at Vina Moses, serve on four Kiwanis committees, and spend four to ten hours a week ‘gardening’ the Kiwanis Corvallis Blue Star Memorial Park on Highway 99W.”

He serves as a part-time deputy elections clerk for Benton County. “It doesn’t require a lot of hours, but they needed the help and I enjoy working with the election process,” he adds.

The result for the 77-year-old Klein? “What has happened is that I’m almost as busy as when I ‘worked’ for a living, but now I don’t get paid for it. It is also easier to say no to requests which you really can’t do when you’re working. Any adjustment was minimal and very easy to take.”

Ken Krane has retired officially—but he really hasn’t. “I really don’t quite feel ‘retired’ yet,” he laughs. And no wonder.

“I’m still teaching under a 1,000-hour appointment for the 2004-2005 academic year,” he explains. “I have a large backlog of research data to be analyzed and three PhD students nearing completion of their projects. So, for at least a year or two, I will be doing mostly teaching and research.”

Then, there’s the three year National Science Foundation curriculum development grant for OSU’s modern physics course and the third edition of a textbook for that course. He is also chair-elect of the Northwest Section of the American Physical Society and directing an annual national workshop for new faculty in physics.

After receiving a B.S. in physics from the University of Arizona, a M.S. in physics from Purdue University, and a Ph.D. in physics from Purdue, Krane did post-doctoral work at both the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory and the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory. He joined the OSU faculty in 1974 and rose through the ranks to become professor and chair of the Department of Physics and Director of the Engineering Physics Program in 1984.

Along the way he managed to find time to serve on many university committees including the OSU Faculty Senate as a member and as president and a whole raft of search committees, task forces, and councils, including curriculum and accreditation.

He has written over 100 peer-reviewed articles, 55 abstracts and conference papers, and nineteen books and monographs. He plans to write more textbooks and text support materials. “I also want to develop an endowment for the OSU University Theatre.”

Of his appointment to the OSURA Board, he says: “I am very pleased to see an active program for OSU retirees developing in Corvallis that allows those of us who have worked together for 30 years or more to continue to interact socially and intellectually. I want to help build a successful and enduring program.”

Directory Alert
Although OSURA members will receive a complimentary copy of the new Retirees Directory in November, the complete OSU Campus Directory, containing the retirees section, will be available at the Student Media Office. Cost is $5.00 a copy, if mailed, and $2.00 if picked up at the Student Media Office, 118 MU East.
I/We would like to renew/begin a membership with OSURA. Enclosed is the membership fee of $10 for each person. Donations above $10 are gladly accepted. Please make checks payable to OSURA.

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If you are an OSU retiree, where did you work?______________________________________________________________

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